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Ministerial Personals

Rev. E. R. Shippen has accepted a call to the Second Church, Boston, Mass.

Rev. C. A. Wing has resigned at Baltimore, Md., to accept a call to Springfield, Mass.

Rev. D. H. Ferrell has resigned at Montreal, Can., to accept a call to Lynn, Mass.

Rev. G. A. Mark has accepted a call to Cohasset, Mass., and Rev. T. M. Mark has accepted a call to South Boston, Mass.

Rev. J. A. Kyle has resigned at the Third Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. W. H. Ashley has taken charge of the church at Griswold, Ia.

Rev. J. Baltzly has accepted a call to Eastport, Me.

Rev. A. J. Coleman will have charge, during the winter, of the church at Jacksonville, Fla.

Journeys

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, has spent a part of December in the Northwest, with appointments at Chicago and beyond. Sunday, December 14, he preached at Minneapolis and St. Paul, and on the succeeding day, in St. Paul, met in conference with the Unitarian ministers of Minnesota and Manitoba, the Men's Club of Unity Church giving a dinner in the evening for the visiting ministers.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, made a journey of exactly the same length but in a different course, keeping appointments at Wheeling and Charleston, W. Va., preaching at the installation of Mr. Akin at Louisville on December 14, and returning to hold a series of meetings at Paterson, N. J.

Field Secretary Brown has spent the month in Montana, preaching regularly at Butte, holding meetings, conferring with Unitarians and stimulating our work at Helena, Great Falls, Billings, Bozeman and Missoula. He will now return to Oklahoma City to hold the pulpit there until a settled minister can be found.

Representing the Department of Religious Education, Rev. Hugh R. Orr, has met engagements at Hyde Park, Medfield, Newton and Second Church, Boston. Rev. Florence Buck has spoken at the Harvard Street Church, Cambridge, and the Canton Alliance, and Dr. Lawrance has spoken at Sandwich, Nantucket, Reading, Roslindale, and Fitchburg.

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Department of Religious Education

The temporary shortage in Beacon Course materials is now at an end. Leaflets for *The Little Child in Sunday School* and notebooks for *Heroic Lives*, as well as all other books now issued in the Course, may be secured in any desired quantities. The need to wait for materials was trying, but the demand which exhausted the large supply on hand is a gratifying indication of the extensive use of the new Course in our schools.

Dr. Sullivan's book, *From the Gospel to the Creeds*, which has been delayed by the disturbed conditions in the printing business all over the country, is now on sale and is a welcome addition to our teaching materials.

A successful method of keeping attendance records in the Primary Department of the church school is reported from Lowell. A large card is lettered with the heading *The Beacon Primary Record*, over which stands a star and at each side a design. The lower part is ruled in squares which from right to left give spaces to insert stars for three months' attendance. A piece of transparent paper over the ruling bears the names of the members of the class. The sorts of stars to use and what each means has been put in rhyme by the designer and printed under the heading as part of the permanent card. It reads:

A little *blue* star means I came, it is true,
And *green* means that I came and was good;
While a *silver* star means that I came and I knew
My memory verse just as I should.
But a *gold* star means all these others, and, too,
That I did just the best that I could.

At the end of three months the transparent sheet is removed and cut into strips, each bearing the name of the child and his star record which he may have for his own. Any teacher or superintendent who cares for such a record could easily copy the design which may be seen in the Book Room in the new Unitarian Association Annex at 16 Beacon Street.

Reports from our schools this autumn reveal, on the whole, a good increase in size and interest over last year. One school that started with twelve pupils in October had more than seventy December 8 and hoped to secure a hundred by January 1. Several schools show gains of from twenty to forty members in the first three months of the school year. This department has received copies of letters from many ministers to their people, urging the importance of religious education, and weekly or monthly calendars and bulletins which give prominence to the work of the church school. There are many indications that our churches are awake to their duty and their opportunity in this direction. The introduction of the Beacon Course, better insight into the aims of the church school and the methods of teaching religion, and more careful attention to the service of worship are ways in which the religious life of the pupils and interest in the church school are being developed.

Reports of our schools on the blanks furnished for the purpose are coming in steadily but slowly. Will not the officers of each school see to it that the report is sent, so that records at the central office may be complete?

Two books of especial interest to our workers have recently been published. To those who heard Dr. Hugh Hartshorne's lectures at our Institutes last summer it will only be necessary to say that much of the material there given, and much new material, may be found in his book on *Childhood and Character*. No more important book for teachers of religion has been issued. Parents, too, will profit by reading it, for it deals with the foundations of character in habits that are formed in those years before the church school gets the child, and treats such important topics as health, work and play, and discipline for democracy.

How to Teach Religion, by George Herbert Betts, will give both help and inspiration to teachers in our church schools. The principles which underlie our Beacon Course, — a course child-

centered instead of Bible-centered, using materials suitable for teaching religion from all possible sources combined with Bible material, and text-books in religion adapted to age of pupils instead of uniform lesson, — here receive independent confirmation from an acknowledged expert in education. In a list of eleven titles of approved subjects of text-books for religious instruction named by the author, five are from the Beacon Course. Dr. Betts will help any teacher to look straight at the task of teaching religion and receive expert guidance in that task from his book.

Meetings of Liberal Evangelism

The Unitarian churches in and about Boston have carried through to success a very interesting plan of special meetings. The Ministerial Union appointed a committee more than six months ago to shape the plans, and in June the committee sent out a preliminary announcement to the churches in and about Boston giving a general outline of the plans, and asking the ministers and churches to be prepared to cooperate in making the enterprise a success. During the early autumn the committee had frequent meetings and worked out the plans in detail.

The churches which were co-operating were invited to hold simultaneous meetings, beginning on Sunday, November 30th and continuing every nigh until Friday, December 5th; and then to unite in two great mass meetings in Boston on the evenings of Sunday, December 7th and Sunday, December 14th.

The spirit of cooperation among the churches was very gratifying. Through the committee, plans were made for these simultaneous meetings in the different churches. For the week the people were urged to focus their attention upon the realities of religion. The object of the meetings was not to place emphasis upon theology but upon religion, not upon the doctrines that distinguish us but the spiritual life. To some of the churches it was a new experiment to have Sunday evening meetings or religious services on the evenings between Sundays. The reports have been gathered from the churches, and it is found that in spite of the meetings being held in a busy week the attendance was gratifying. The total attendance for the meetings in the churches on these special evenings was nearly ten thousand people.

The mass meetings in Boston were also very successful. The Tremont Theatre was selected as the place of meeting, and the speakers were Rev. Dr. William L. Sullivan of New York on December 7th and Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Crothers of Cambridge on December 14th. Each man delivered a distinctly spiritual message, and the audiences were profoundly moved. Again, the addresses were not doctrinal nor denominational, but religious.

A special hymn pamphlet had been published by the committee in charge of the meetings, the hymns being selected from the new Hymn and Tune Book, with special reference to the purpose of these meetings. The singing, led by Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Weston, was really inspiring. On both evenings the stage was filled by a chorus choir, made up of volunteers from the various churches cooperating.

The attendance at the mass meetings was large, being more than a thousand on each night. Of these a good many were people of our churches who were happy in coming together for cooperative effort and the inspiration of such great Unitarian meetings. It was very gratifying that a large proportion of the audience were people to whom Unitarianism was new.

The success of the enterprise in reaching new people is to be attributed principally to effective advertising in the daily papers. Beginning on Friday, November 28th, which was two days before the simultaneous meetings began in the churches, the advertising campaign was started. These advertisements were placed in three of the Boston dailies.

The Wayside Pulpit

The last shipment of Wayside Pulpit sheets sent out in November included sentences for Christmas, and the New Year, and also for January up to Saturday, the 31st. New material is now being prepared and the next shipment of sheets will go out before the end of January for the succeeding two months.

Mr. Saunderson, who is in charge of the Wayside Pulpit, again renews the standing invitation for people to send in suggestions for sentences. If anyone has a suitable sentence of the proper length it will be welcomed, but any sentences which seem even remotely a possibility may be sent. If too long it may be possible to reduce it, or if not sufficiently terse it may be possible to rephrase it. Anyone who has any suggestions of sentences is requested to send the material without delay.

The use of the Wayside Pulpit continues its gratifying growth. Its influence is steadily widening. Unitarian churches which have not yet adopted the Wayside Pulpit should communicate with Mr. Saunderson, and make arrangements for the installation of this effective means of preaching our faith to the "man on the street."

Mass Meetings

Publication Department

The outstanding feature of this department during the past month has been the success that attended our efforts at the two Sunday night meetings at Tremont Theatre, held by the Churches of Boston and vicinity. We had two tables filled with some of the recent and most popular tracts in charge of the Publication Agent and an assistant.

The interest shown by those present, many of whom were not Unitarians, was most gratifying. The total distribution of material amounted to approximately 1,200 tracts.

New Publications

Before the next issue of WORD AND WORK, we shall issue the following books, some of which have been delayed because of causes beyond our control: *The Road to Unity Among the Christian Churches*, by Charles W. Eliot; *From Bondage to Liberty in Religion*, by George T. Ashley; *From the Gospel to the Creeds*, by William L. Sullivan; a new edition of *The First Church in Plymouth*, by John Cuckson. More detailed announcement will be made in the February number of this bulletin.

THE SOCIAL DUTY OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCHES

By FRANCIS G. PEABODY, D.D., (R. F. N. A. No. 7)

The expression of the purposes and hopes of the Unitarian Churches of America as they confront their social duties in a time of change and reconstruction.

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FROM BONDAGE TO LIBERTY IN RELIGION

By George T. Ashley 236 pages. $1.50 net. $1.65 postpaid.

A graphic, gripping, thrilling story of the religious evolution of a life from the bondage of narrowest orthodoxy into the light and liberty of a liberal, rational, religious faith.

It is the story of a *real life*, a living experience, written in a fascinating style from the first chapter to the last.

This book is published, practically unedited, so that the reader can enjoy the author's own forceful, rugged, penetrating method of thought and expression.

FROM THE GOSPEL TO THE CREEDS

By William L. Sullivan. 212 pages. $1.00 net. Postage extra.

The author sketches the changes of thought in Christianity from the time of Jesus to the era when creeds became obligatory. He reveals the unhappy results of putting dogmas in place of the simple teachings of Jesus about the nature of God and the conduct of life.

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RESPONSIVE SENTENCES.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth from his heart.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed;

For the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

One of the following groups to be read in unison:

SELECTIONS.

I.

Keep thyself simple, pure, serious, free from affectation, a friend of justice, kind, affectionate, strenuous in all proper acts. Reverence God and help men.
—*Marcus Aurelius.*

What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? —*Bible.*

II.

All who joy would win
Must share it;
Happiness was born a twin. —*Byron.*

Not what we give, but what we share;
For the gift without the giver is bare.
—*Lowell.*

We are here to serve the good, to make it prevail, to overcome evil and change it to good. —*Charles F. Dole.*

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. —*Bible.*

III.

No one can be really strong, gentle, pure, loving, and good without the whole world being better for it, without someone being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.
—*Phillips Brooks.*

The wider the circle of love we make,
The happier life we live;
And the more we give for another's sake,
The more we shall have to give.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength,this is the First Commandment, and the Second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. —*Bible.*

IV.

Give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.
—*M. Bridges.*

Work! Work! Work! and be glad there is work to do,
Do your best,
And leave the rest
To God who believes in you.
—*Van Campen.*

Let us not be weary of well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. —*Bible.*

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer, or the following:

Our Father, help us to walk in paths that lead upward, never in those that lead downward. Help us to care for the best things and to live for the things that are most worth living for. Give us the spirit of willing and happy obedience; and deepen our love for all our fellowmen. Amen.

All Sing. Tune, *Stockwell.*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be;
But for strength, that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

The following hymns are suggested: Forward through the ages; God's trumpet wakes the slumbering world; 'O Beautiful, my Country'; When thy heart, with joy o'erflowing; O Master, let me walk with thee; O God, I thank thee for each sight; Press on, press on! ye sons of light; Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve; Teach me, my God and King; Hear, hear, O ye nations, and hearing obey; How happy is he born or taught; Lord of all being throned afar.

(The above Opening Services prepared by the Junior Alliance at Jamaica Plain, Mass., are recommended by the Executive Board of The Alliance for general use by Junior branches).

The Carolina Industrial School

It was my privilege recently to visit the Carolina Industrial Schools at Shelter Neck and Swansboro. I had been told over and over again just the situation of the two schools, and I had seen photographs of each, but no fancy of mine ever depicted the prettiness and completeness of these two Unitarian settlements in the near-coast-line of North Carolina. At Shelter Neck I saw the school *at work*, the pupils of all grades assemble in the large room of the school house and together take part in the short devotional service and in the singing, — which was good, — and in repeating in unison certain texts, Biblical, patriotic, or poetic, after which the classes go to the smaller rooms. The alertness and quickness with which the primary class answered to the teacher's questions in personal hygiene as well as in the first lessons in spelling and reading and arithmetic were delightful. The manly response to my casual questions to some boys in the upper grade was gratifying, when they said they studied "because we love to"! The usual Saturday evening party came on Friday, in my honor. To the large room at the school house came fathers and mothers and big sons and little ones and grown-up daughters and little ones, and a merry, pretty party it was, with singing of songs, marching, and amusing "floor games," and one big Virginia Reel. And how a new piano is needed! The one in use was old fifteen years ago. Both pedals are broken beyond repair and on this poor-toned old instrument music lessons have to be taught. Has no one an unused piano, one in storage perhaps, to send to Shelter Neck? Please give one if possible, for it is a crying need! Send word to Mrs. Atherton at 25 Beacon St. and she will find a means of transportation. I missed the customary "Sunday evening Sing" at Dix House, where many of the same people congregate and sing together hymns and psalms. One mother of a large family said it was to her the most restful, loveliest hour of the week. The destruction of Kimball House by fire last December was a great loss at Shelter Neck, and owing to railway congestion the building material has not been received and reconstruction is delayed, which limits the school capacity for boarding pupils, but despite this handicap of a little crowding in the dormitory at Dix House the splendid work goes on.

My visit at Swansboro was on Sunday. Nothing could be more attractive than the little church, painted white, which stands near the road. Immediately behind the church is Emmerton School and beyond the schoolhouse is Salem Cottage, picturesque with its vine-clad, hospitable porch. This group of buildings, all standing on a pretty green lawn, enclosed by a white paling fence, gleams like a heavenly constellation, and must serve as an example and incentive to the neighborhood for orderliness and neatness and beauty. I missed the church service at Swansboro as it is held in the evening, but I went with Rev. and Mrs. Robinson across the Sound to the church at White Oak for the afternoon service. This pretty little white church stands literally in the forest and impressive was the congregation because made up of so large a number of men and boys. Here there should be a Community House or Assembly Hall for just such friendly gatherings as are held at Shelter Neck; and it is to be hoped that at no distant day such a

meeting-place, other than the church, will be provided at White Oak. It was a rare vision of future possibilities on the part of Mrs. Dix and her associates which led to the establishing of these churches and schools. The early teachers, Miss Crehore, Miss Fessenden, and Miss Frost, were noble pioneers. While for seventeen years Mrs. Peterson gave her personal direction to the work, "with sympathetic understanding, resourcefulness, and consecrated self-devotion." It would be hard to picture these communities without these schools and churches. Desolate indeed would be the lives of these fine, hardworking people were these cheering helpful meeting places not in existence for them.

The Alliance and the American Unitarian Association jointly support the ministers, — one word I must say of the three ministers of the Southern Circuit — their work is Christ-like!

The appropriations by Alliance branches for Southern Circuit are for the support of the ministers, and such appropriations are sent to Mrs. Noyes, Alliance Treasurer. Individual gifts and gifts from Alliance branches support these schools, pay salaries of teachers, and equipment, and such gifts go to Mr. Abbott, the School Treasurer. How many of us give for this cause? The need never was greater, and never could any sum be more worthily bestowed! My stay was far too short among these kindly, cordial people; and I wish all Alliance women and friends of Mrs. Peterson could visit the schools and see this living memorial of a life well spent. Send your contributions at once to Mr. J. Russell Abbott, P. O. Drawer 2, Boston.

MRS. GEORGE R. DINSMOOR,
Trustee Carolina Industrial School.

Executive Board

The 314th meeting of the Executive Board was held December 12, Miss Lowell presiding. Twenty-six were present, including the newly elected director, Mrs. Arnold of Quincy, Mass.

The President has attended since the last meeting neighborhood gatherings in Providence, R. I., Philadelphia, Pa., Hartford, Conn., Kingston and Springfield, Mass. The President has been appointed by the Trustees of the Meadville Theological School a member of the newly created Visiting committee of five for the School.

Mrs. Davis reported by letter. She recently attended an evening meeting at Lancaster, Pa., where she formed the branch sixteen years before. Sixteen beautiful roses were presented to her, each having love and gratitude that she had persuaded them to join The Alliance!

Mrs. Noyes reported that $235 has been sent to Mrs. Pelényi in Holland for Hungarian relief, $100 taken by the vote of the International committee from the Missionary fund, the balance contributed by New York Branches. The Board voted to continue its endorsement of Mme. Loyson's work for another year, and branches that contribute in response to her appealing letter may feel assured that they are helping a devoted worker to carry forward wisely directed efforts for reconstruction in France.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. Arthur Merriam by the branch at Billerica, Mass.; Mrs. Emeline P. Fowle and Mrs. George F. Jones by Lexington, Mass.; Miss Adeline May by Leicester, Mass.; and Mrs. Augustus Ramsey Bayley of Cambridge, Mass., by her daughter.

On the recommendation of the Library committee it was voted that return postage shall hereafter be enclosed when a book from the lending library is sent by mail. Similar action was taken by the Directors of the American Unitarian Association at their last meeting. The committee has now $100 from the Association and The Alliance to use for the library.

A letter from Mrs. Conte told of her withdrawal from our Mission in Italy and expressed gratitude for the sympathy and aid of The Alliance which made it possible for her to carry on the work after Mr. Conte's death. The Board voted to send Mrs. Conte a letter

expressing deep appreciation of all she has accomplished and conveying heartiest good wishes. The Italian committee has accepted as secretary Rev. Alfredo Taglialatela who will serve with Hon. Romolo Murri and Prof. Puglisi.

It was voted unanimously to endorse the plan of the Cheerful Letter committee to send out "sunshine bags" to its branches over the country, in order to meet the increased cost of printing the Cheerful Letter magazine.

On the recommendation of the Junior Fellowship committee it was voted to adopt for general use the opening services arranged, after careful selection, by the Jamaica Plain Juniors for their own meetings. These will be printed in suitable form and sold for a nominal price to Junior Alliance members or others who may wish them.

The resignation of Miss Edgcomb as Massachusetts director was accepted with regret.

Mrs. John H. Lewis of Virginia and Mrs. John C. Perkins of Washington were added to the Junior Fellowship committee.

A new branch was announced, West Bridgewater, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. E. B. Maglathlin, *Sec.*, Mrs. W. H. Newell, *Treas.*, Mrs. E. B. Wilbur.

The invitation of the Montreal branch to hold the January meeting in Montreal was declined with regret. The October meeting in Baltimore is the out-of-Boston meeting of this fiscal year.

Exceptionally interesting reports were received from the Southern States and five Massachusetts directors. The branch at Shelter Neck, N. C., has changed its name to that of the Abby A. Peterson branch.

At the next meeting January 9 reports are due from the Middle States and Canada.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,

Recording Secretary.

Cheerful Letter Exchange

Many have come to a new interest in our faith through the Exchange which develops the practical side of it. Through the placing of a library in a Maine town, such an interest was created there in Cheerful Letter work that a request was sent to headquarters for a Unitarian minister to come to them to explain our liberal faith.

In another town in Maine meetings are held in homes in winter and in the Grove in summer, where a sermon from the Cheerful Letter is read. Through a correspondent, a minister became so interested that he asked for Channing's works and later wrote he "had been looking through a glass darkly, but now saw light."

Our ever crying need is for more helpers. Home Study needs teachers, the Bible chairman needs Bibles, the patchwork committee needs scraps, more people are needed to send books and magazines where reading is wonderfully welcome. This literature is often passed on and on. We want more subscriptions for the Cheerful Letter. The cost of printing has soared so that the Sunshine Bag is soon to start on its way with this explanatory rhyme:

"Every day the sun doth shine
  Please drop a cent in me;
For I'm a little sunshine bag
  And really made, you see,
That you with pennies will me fill
  Or even something better,
A dime, a quarter, or a bill,
  To print the Cheerful Letter."

Last year these bags went to Massachusetts branches but will this month go to all branches of The Alliance.

Letters from many of our correspondents are a testimony to the great blessings our work bestows; they make us realize that it is worth while and well worth doing.

The monthly meeting of chairmen and branch workers is held the first Friday in the month at 25 Beacon Street at 10.30, to this all interested are invited.

Post Office Mission

The good word for this month is one of co-operation with the latest manifestation of Unitarian spirit — the Laymen's League. The League chapter of the First Parish of Cambridge has formed a "correspondence committee" with the following membership: Mr. Godfrey L. Cabot, Prof. William M. Davis, Prof. Ephraim Emerton, Mr. Parker B. Field, Mr. Reginald H. Johnson, Mr. Robert H. Loomis, Mr. Frank A. Manny, Prof. Francis G. Peabody, Mr. Willard Putnam, Prof. Frederick N. Robinson, Mr. Charles B. Wetherell.

This group of men has taken over part of the correspondence and is finding answering questions very enjoyable. It is to be hoped that other League chapters may follow this excellent example, for many of our correspondents are men, and they would keenly appreciate letters from men; aside from which it would convince them that our faith is held by men who are not ministers.

The January conference will be addressed by Rev. Mr. Spurr of Nashville, Tenn.; he will tell of the opportunities in the south and how we may spread our gospel there. In February we hope to have a member of the Laymen's League tell us how we may assist the League and how the League can widen our work.

Some of our committees are discouraged if there are few prompt answers to their advertisements; by way of heartening them word has just been received that an advertisement printed last March has this week (December 12th) been answered from Alaska, the writer expressing much interest in the prospect of receiving literature and sending the names of two friends who would be glad to have it also.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Marietta, Ohio. The secretary writes that after having regular meetings every month for five years, they have held none this fall, because their president moved from town, but they hope to start again after the holidays. They have about fifteen members, and have had their meetings in the evening, with sewing, music, and readings.

Concord, Mass. Instead of a Junior Alliance this group is called the "Junior Committee", and the members belong to the senior branch, and attend its regular meetings, helping to serve tea. They also hold two meetings of their own each month, — one for work, and the other with a supper and good time.

The chairman of this committee is a member of the senior branch. A food sale has been held to raise money for their work, and the Home for Blind Babies visited, as the girls expect to work for the latter after Christmas.

The Monday Conference

The meeting of the Monday Conference at 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Dec. 7 had a record attendance of 176 Alliance members, representing 66 branches. The Conference was glad to welcome Mrs. Bowden who represented the isolated but courageous little branch at Victoria, B. C. Her message of loyalty was an inspiration to us all and the secretary of the Conference was instructed to send greetings in return to the Victoria branch. Five branches gave interesting reports, Winchester apologizing because its membership was reduced to *only* 202 members!

The speaker for the day was Mrs. Louis C. Cornish who described the work of the British League of Unitarian Women. Religion is a real and vital thing to our Unitarian sisters in England. War has laid upon them such heavy burdens that they have developed the spiritual side of life to a degree uncomprehended by American women.

Mrs. Cornish urged the Alliance branches to do their part in establishing closer relations with the British League. She suggested, as ways of cooperation, the use of a Book of Prayers compiled by the British League; correspondence with their members; study of English history and conditions in England that

we may not fall behind our English sisters who are making a close study of American history and conditions in America. All who heard Mrs. Cornish describe the heart, mind, and soul of the wonderful women of England felt the spiritual uplift that comes only from the finest kind of religious service.

The next meeting of the Monday Conference will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Monday, Jan. 5, at 10.30. Mrs. Prescott Keyes will talk on, "Alliance Appeals." Miss Effie E. Whitman, New England Vice-President, will preside. Everyone cordially invited.

News from the Branches

Charleston, S. C. The Helping Hand Branch desires to express appreciation of the many and beautiful articles sent by other branches for the Christmas sale. The bazaar was a great success, largely due to these generous contributions. "The Conference held in Charleston in October was an occasion both notable and inspiring. To meet the members of our sister branches, North and South, was heart-warming and helpful in the extreme, and we shall not soon forget the pleasure and profit gained by being in touch with so many who hold the pure faith of love to God and to their fellow men."

Lynchburg, Va. "Now that the compelling interests of the great war are in a measure relaxed, we hope to aid more fully and completely in the big work of reconstruction, believing that we bear a message which is the needed evangel to the world."

Atlanta, Ga. The object of the Woman's Union (Unitarian-Universalist) is to promote the welfare of the church in every possible way, and in the name of the church to do such philanthropic and missionary work as may be within its power. Men may become associate members by paying an annual fee of fifty cents, but can not hold office nor vote. Their dues go into the local fund. It was very evident to the members that the church needed cleaning, but the cleaning companies in Atlanta charged too much. Several members volunteered to bring their instruments of annihilation to dirt and dust, and themselves spend a day or more and do the work.

New York, N. Y. The first meeting of the New York League was held in the Parish House of the Community Church, November 7. Dr. Frank Crane spoke on "What has Democracy done for God?" Rev. Arthur Brown and Rev. John Haynes Holmes also spoke.

Young People's Sunday

The Young People's Religious Union asks our churches throughout the country to observe the last Sunday in January as young people's Sunday, and in some places the young people will conduct the services. This seems an excellent idea and The Alliance desires to cooperate in this as in all efforts to stimulate the life and interest of the Young People's Religious Union.

LUCY LOWELL.

New England Associate Alliance

The mid-winter meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held with the Alliance Branch of the First Church of Cambridge, Harvard Square, Thursday, January 22, at 10.30 o'clock. A part of the morning program will be a memorial to Mrs. Abby A. Peterson. The collection will be a gift to the Carolina Industrial Schools.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$210
Meadville Students	69
Pacific School	108
Tuckerman School	184
Special Scholarship for Tuckerman School	63
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	1,067
Italian Mission	401
Sunday School Worker	396
College Centers Committee	190
Social Service Committee	190

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES OF THE Y.P.R.U.

Every Sunday during October and November, young people's rallies were held in different churches near Boston. At all these rallies a pageant depicting a few scenes in the development of Liberal Christianity was presented under the direction of Henry Burkland. Neighborhood gatherings for the young people are earnestly urged. The Field Secretary, Chairman of the Extension Committee and Supervisors will be glad to co-operate with any groups wishing these rallies.

Notes

The Y. P. R. U. has elected Mrs. Valentine to serve on the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women.

The President of the South Middlesex Federation is planning rallies for the young people in his district during January and February.

The Young People of Melrose will present a play, "The Queen of Hearts," to any society within easy traveling distance. Communicate with Miss Catherine Twitchell of Melrose.

Two short plays recommended by the Junior Parish, Cambridge, are "The Florist Shop" and "The Rising of the Moon."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY

A great opportunity is before our churches and young people's societies to strengthen the Unitarian interpretation of Christianity by observing Young People's Day the last Sunday in January. Suggestions, if any are desired for observing the day, may be found on the Y. P. R. U. page of the November Word and Work. Here is one way to strengthen the church of the future.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY, JAN. 25

Unitarian Temperance Society

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The Majesty of the Law

In the cabin of the Mayflower in 1620, the Pilgrim fathers agreed to obey all just and equal laws passed by a majority. The respect for law, embodied in this agreement has been the foundation of American liberty and prosperity. Here, as nowhere else, the world is safe for the minority. This is so because the minority following the principles, later urged by Washington, discipline themselves and thus add strength to the majority.

The Constitution of the United States, which from the preamble to the last amendment is framed for the protection of the individual, and equally for providing him opportunity for the widest development of his powers, was said by Gladstone to be "the greatest document ever struck from the mind and purpose of man."

With reference to the 18th Amendment, William Howard Taft reminds us that "it is now the duty of every good citizen no matter what his previous opinion of the wisdom or expediency of the amendment, to urge and vote for all reasonable and practical legislative measures, adopted to secure its enforcement. Those who oppose the passage of such measures promote the non-enforcement of the law and the consequent demoralization of all law. Such a course is unpatriotic, and is not playing the game of self-government fairly."

The enforcement of the 18th Amendment is given over to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Daniel C. Roper, who has called John F. Kramer to be his chief assistant in this field. The Federal law under which they will act is the Volstead Act. (H. R. 6810, 66th Congress). This law outlines clearly the conditions under which alcoholic beverages may be made and sold for other than beverage purposes. It also provides for disposal of all stock in bonded warehouses to avoid needless financial loss on the part of owners.

Each state in the Union should have an enforcement code similar to the Volstead Act to cover local conditions. Under these laws it will be possible to eradicate the alcohol menace without injury or injustice to any.

Commissioner Roper points out, however, that enforcement cannot be complete or satisfactory without the co-operation and strongly organized support of "the moral element." He calls on the churches especially to meet the issue.

First, dwell upon the majesty of the law, and the need for a renewed fidelity to the ideals of our country.

Second, voice the benefit to be derived from the 18th Amendment, and its vindication in moral and spiritual progress.

The Unitarian Temperance Society is able to provide special literature on these subjects and urges all ministers to observe Sunday, January 18th, as *Law and Order Sunday.*